

Academic Language Chart

Verbs:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · acknowledges · adds · admits (that) · advocates (something) · analyses · argues (that) · articulates (a view/idea) · asks · asserts (that) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · attributes · attacks · attempts (to do something) · avoids · bears (a resemblance to) · belongs to · calls on (someone to do something) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · captures · claims (that) · comments on · compares · condemns · concludes · contends (that) · contrasts · continues · conveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · counters · criticizes · deals with · declares (that) · defines · denies (that) · deplores · describes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · determines (that) · disapproves (of) · discusses · disputes · distinguishes · emphasizes (that) · examines · explains · explicates · explores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · expresses · extends · feels · finds (that) · foregrounds · forms · focuses on · fulfills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · gives examples · goes on to say that · identifies · identifies (with) · incorporates · insists (that) · intervenes in · judges · justifies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · lists · links · locates · mediates · notes · observes (that) · offers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · opposes · provides · positions (himself) · puts forward (the idea/image of) · questions · refers to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · reflects on · replies (that) · rejects · resorts to · reveals · shows (that) · sees (the need for) · set out to · situates (himself or his idea) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · speaks · states (that) · stresses (that) · suggests (that) · supports · symbolizes · talks about · tends to · to be considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · treats · tries to · uses · views (something as) · wishes · writes (that)
You can also use the phrases below to present a text/writer (X = the writer)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X's work testifies to • X's position is that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For X, it represents • X's conclusion is that 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For X, something is • X's main focus is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X follows one idea with • For X, (something) is true 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X then turns this into • X's main points are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X does not seem fully aware of

Cargile from language used in Valerie Kennedy's text: Edward Said: A Critical Introduction (2001: Polity Press) and NPR interview with James L. W. West.